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6	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
7	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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10	THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE	No. C 07-06148 WHA
11	COMPANY, a corporation,	
12	Plaintiff,	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
13	v.	
14	KAWASAKI KISEN KASHA, LTD. d/b/a "K" LINE, a foreign corporation, "K" LINE	
15	"K" LINE, a foreign corporation, "K" LINE AMERICA, INC., a foreign corporation, and DOE ONE through DOE TEN,	
16	Defendants.	
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The hearing set for defendants' motion to dismiss was set for today, May 8, 2008. No party appeared. An order dated April 16, 2008, had expressly denied the parties' stipulated request to take the matter off calendar unless there was a final agreement and stipulated dismissal filed (Dkt. No. 34). No dismissal has ever been filed. The parties then filed another stipulated request for an order changing the time of the motion-to-dismiss hearing — but this request was filed at approximately 6:00 pm the day before the May 8 hearing. The Court does not grant eleventh-hour requests, and the parties should have appeared so that the progress of the case could be discussed.

As stated, it has been the Court's experience that settlements often crater. The hearing on defendants' motion to dismiss is re-set to **Thursday**, **May 22**, **2008**, at **8:00 Am**. If the parties file a stipulated dismissal at least two calendar days before the hearing, they need not appear. Otherwise, they *must* appear at the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 8, 2008.

WILLIAM ALSUP UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE